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SUBJECT: UNCTAD SCHEDULE

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UNCTAD SYG HELD PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL GROUPS
JULY 18 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING UNCTAD SCHEDULE. RESULTS
AS FOLLOWS:

(1) TDB MINISTERIAL. SINCE ESCAP WILL BE HOLDING MINIS-
TERIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1 TO 8, UNCTAD IS SETTING TDB
MINISTERIAL FOR PERIOD JANUARY 23-27. FIRST PART OF THIS
9TH SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 5-9 AT OFFICIAL
LEVEL TO ESTABLISH AGENDA AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

(2) INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON DEBT. GROUP B SPOKESMAN
MONTGOMERY REPORTED THAT ALL GROUP B MEMBERS EXCEPT US,
WHICH WOULD BE SPEAKING SEPARATELY, AGREED TO SECOND
MEETING OF DEBT EXPERTS OCTOBER 17-28, ASSUMING THAT TWO
WEEK PERIOD WOULD BE NEEDED. US SPOKE ALONG LINES PARA 4
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REFTEL (A) STATING WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO SCHEDULE
A SECOND MEETING, THAT CURRENT MEETING OF DEBT EXPERTS
SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT MANDATE IN RESOLUTION 94(IV)
IF THEY STICK TO THAT TASK, US THUS RESERVES ITS
POSITION ON POSSIBILITY OF SECOND MEETING. WE ALSO
STATED THAAT US CONSIDERS THAT IF A SECOND IGE MEETING
IS EVENTUALLY SCHEDULED, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TERMS OF

REFERENCE OF SUCH MEETING BE CONFINED SOLELY TO REVIEWING IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 94(IV). NO OTHER DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON US STATEMENT.

(3) CIFT. IT AGREED THAT NEXT CIFT WOULD BE HELD IN TWO PARTS, ON INSURANCE ISSUES DECEMBER 5 TO 9 AND ON OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA FROM 16 TO 26 MAY.

(4) EXPERTS ON INTERDEPENDENCE OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. SYG PROPOSED DECEMBER 12-16 FOR THIS MEETING. GROUP B QUESTIONED BASIS AND NEED FOR MEETING. COREA, SUPPORTED BY LDCS, DESCRIBED MATTER AS IMPORTANT ONE AND CITED LANGUAGE OF TDB 16 DECISION 144 AS AUTHORIZATION FOR CALLING IT. GROUP B EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AT TDB 17 SECRETARIAT WOULD PROVIDE FULLER EXPLANATION, PURPOSES IT SEES FOR MEETING AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED. COREA AGREED. IN MENATIME, DECEMBER 12-16 DATES TENTATIVELY CONFIRMED.

(5) UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY MEETINGS. SEE REFTTEL B.

(6) UNCTAD V. SYG PROPOSED MAY 9 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1979 AS DATES AND NOTED THAT MANILA HAD BEEN PROPOSED AS SITE. TDB 17 WILL BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FINAL DECISION WILL BE BY UNGA. AS AT UNCTAD IV, PLAN IS TO PRECEDE CONFERENCE BY TWO DAY PREPARATORY MEETING MAY 7-8.

(7) WORKING PARTY OF TDB ON WORK PROGRAM. THIS WILL BE HELD 28 THROUGH 31 MARCH FOLLOWED BY ONE DAY RESUMED SESSION OF TDB 17 ON APRIL 4.

(8) TUNGSTEN. SYG SUGGESTED DATE FOR NEXT TUNGSTEN MEETING BE TAKEN UP AT APRIL 4 TDB MEETING OR AT 18TH REGULAR TDB SESSION. MATTER WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED IN LIGHT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY TUNGSTEN EXPERTS AT CURRENT TUNGSTEN MEETING.

(9) EXPERTS ON PROBLEMS AT LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SINCE SYG DID NOT COVER THIS MEETING IN ORIGINAL PRESENTATION, GROUP B ASKED RE STATUS. COREA RESPONDED DATES OF OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 11 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING AND HE IS NOW CONSULTING ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVENING IT.

(10) TDB DOCUMENTATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK. THE

PROGNOSIS FOR TIMELY DOCUMENTATION
FOR THE 17TH TDB IS VERY POOR, ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT.
PRACTICALLY NO SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTATION CAN BE EXPECTED
IN GOOD TIME BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE SESSION. SYG
COREA STATES THAT HE HAS ORDERED A THOROUGH REVIEW OF
THE PROBLEMS OF DOCUMENTATION AND THAT HE WILL BE RE-
PORTING AT A LATER DATE ON HIS FINDINGS (WHEN NOT
SPECIFIED). GROUP B SUGGESTED THAT A BETTER BALANCE BE
STRUCK BETWEEN THE AGENDA ITEMS ASSIGNED TO THE TWO
SESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE 17TH TDB, RECOMMENDING THAT
ADDITIONAL ITEMS BE THAT OF TRADE OF SOCIALIST STATES
BE ASSIGNED TO THE PROPOSED SECOND SESSIONAL COMMITTEE.
THE DISCUSSIONS LEFT IT THAT THE 17TH TDB PLENARY ITSELF
WOULD TAKE SUCH A DECISION. VANDEN HEUVEL
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